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NCDC
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to hive off some sections of the National Cooperative Development Corporation(NCDC) to other institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of new programmes of projects have been sanctioned by NCDC during the last three years;

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to create core competency for NCDC in some areas;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether any study has been done on the functions of NCDC forthe last three years; and (g) if so, the outcome thereof? A N S W E R MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)
(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): NCDC has sanctioned 936 projects involving assistance of Rs.1284.40 crores under various schemes during the last three years.

(d)&(e): NCDC has its own technical experts in the fields of humanresource development and evaluation of projects. The projects received from the State Governments are examined by the technical experts before sanction.

(f)&(g): Yes, Sir. An expert group under the chairmanship of Special Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, studiedthe functions of NCDC and submitted its report.In order to implement the recommendations of the expert group, a steering group under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation was set up which has submitted itsreport. The main recommendations of the expert group and steering group were; reloaning of the principal repayable by NCDC to theCentral Government for atleast three years; redeployment of annual interest instalment as grant to the NCDC fund for next five yearsuntil total grant reaches Rs.500.00 crores; allowing NCDC to borrowfunds from the banks as per its requirement and allowing NCDC toraise tax free bonds on the pattern of HUDCO, REC etc.; allowingone percent rebate in the interest rates to the cooperatives which are professionally managed; and implementation of proposed scheme for providing working capital finance to the cooperatives.